



# Winter Park

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JANUARY 3, 2021



ARISE,  
SHINE;  
FOR YOUR LIGHT  
HAS COME,  
AND THE GLORY  
OF THE LORD  
HAS RISEN  
UPON YOU.

ISAIAH 60:1, NRSV

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE • Roulade on *We Three Kings* - Barr

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Come let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

**Let us come before Him with thanksgiving and extol Him with music and song.**

For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

**In His hand are the depths of the earth, and the mountain peaks belong to Him.**

The sea is His, for He made it; and His hands formed the dry land.

**Come let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before our Maker;**

**for He is our God and we are the people of His pasture the flock under His care.**

### PRAYER OF ADORATION

**You are the God who formed us, the God who knows us, the God who loves us, the God who leads us, the God who feeds us, the God who blesses us, the beginning and end of all that we are and hope to be. Lord Jesus, You are worthy of our praise. Amen.**

HYMN • *Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love*

### CALL OF CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace, God of mercy, our hearts are open before You. You know our greatest areas of strength and our greatest areas of weakness. You know the wonderful creative things we are capable of and You know the terrible ways we often see ourselves and others. We confess we do not understand ourselves. Still, You alone love us, forgive us, even create us knowing our limitations. You see something within us we struggle to see ourselves. You see beauty, wonder, intelligence, imagination and an untapped capacity to love and serve others. Father, thank You for the forgiveness we find in Your Son Jesus Christ and for welcoming us home once again. Amen.**

*(Continue with silent confession and reflection.)*

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

RESPONSE • *Gloria from Angels We Have Heard On High*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

RESPONSE • *Comfort, Comfort You My People* (verse 1)

CHILDREN'S SERMON

*(Children, parents, and other adults may remain seated in their pews.)*

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"A MYSTERY HIDDEN FOR AGES" • The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH • *Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;**

**Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand  
of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come  
to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY MUSIC     *I Wonder As I wander* - Niles

OFFERTORY RESPONSE • *Doxology (To the tune of Veni Emmanuel)*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE PRAYER OF BLESSING

THE WORDS OF SACRAMENT

SERVING GOD'S PEOPLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

HYMN • *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

**We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.**

**Refrain:**

**O star of wonder, star of night,  
star with royal beauty bright,  
westward leading, still proceeding,  
guide us to thy perfect light!**

**Glorious now behold him arise,  
King and God and Sacrifice:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
sounds through the earth and skies. (Refrain)**

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE • *March of the Wise Men* - Black

**☞ SERVING TODAY ☞**

**OFFICIATING MINISTER**

The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor

**ASSISTING MINISTER**

The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor

**MUSICIANS**

Justin Chase, Director of Music

Penny Walsh, Organist

**AUDIO/VISUAL**

Carole Reece

Doug Reece

Nelson Roe

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**MUSIC NOTES**

Our CCLI License number is 11184426, and our OneLicense.net number is 725233.



**☞ ANNOUNCEMENTS ☞**

**Welcome**

We are so glad you are here to worship with us today! We will continue to offer our worship services online. Sermons can be found at [www.winppc.org/sermons](http://www.winppc.org/sermons).

**Christian Sympathy**

Christian sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Melissa Edwards, who passed December 25th. Melissa was married to Glen, son of Wade & Barbara Edwards. Glen grew up in our church and Glen and Melissa were married at WPPC. Please keep their family in your prayers as they go through this very difficult time. A graveside service at Woodlawn Memorial Park (400 Woodlawn Cemetery Rd, Gotha, FL 34734) will be held on Friday, January 8 at 1:30 PM.

## Pastoral Care

If you (or someone you know) are going through a difficult time, please contact us. Our Deacons and pastoral care staff are available for support, home and hospital visits, and prayer. Please contact Dr. Darren Bess at [darrenb@winppc.org](mailto:darrenb@winppc.org) or 407-647-1467 x 103. For pastoral emergencies when the church office is closed, call 407-647-1467 x 112.

## Publicity

If you have a church event that needs to be publicized in the church bulletin, newsletter, etc., please fill out the form located at <http://winppc.org/publicity-request/>.

## Transportation for Church Events

If you are in need of transportation to a church event, please contact the church office at least 24 hours in advance, and every effort will be made to accommodate your need.

<b>The Session</b>			<b>The Diaconate</b>		
<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Doris Anguish	Phillip Anderson III	Theresa Coker	Ardyth Austin	Mike Galyean	Susan Davis
Marilyn Bryant	Lisa Dreasher	Bonnie Gaughan	Cathy House	Reta Jackson	Jane Munns
Rick Davis	Jayne Leach	Fran Morrissey	Caroline James	Julie Kent	Rachel Myers
Steve House	Shaheed Mohammed	Michelle Trahan	Jim McKinney	Curtis Koon	Christine Rich
Larry Seel	Peter Rice	Jay Van Hook	Dennis Schmalstig	Sara Van Arsdel	Meg Ball Thomas
Bob White	Nelson Roe		Matt Straub	Jeanne Vinci	

### **Missions Supported by WPPC**

Audrey Ball, *Transitions Orphan Assistance Foundation*, Ukraine

Dr. Robert Gamble, *This Child Here*, Ukraine

Dennis & Susan Walters, *SIL*, East Asia

Steve & Sonia Dettweiler, *Wycliffe*, Nigeria

Dr. Anne Hallum, *A.I.R. (Alliance for Reforestation)*, Guatemala

### **PC(USA) World Missions**

Rev. Gordon & Dorothy Gartrell, Brazil; Jenny Bent, Dominican Republic;

Mark Hare, Haiti; Dan & Elizabeth Turk, Madagascar

### **Staff**

The Rev. Dr. W. Darren Bess, Senior Pastor  
The Rev. Emily Wasser, Associate Pastor  
Justin Chase, Director of Music  
Penny Walsh, Organist  
Susan Davis, Director of Handbells & Children's Music

Carolyn Achenbach, Director of Operations/Accountant  
Cindy Mitchum, Executive Assistant  
Barbara Hordern, Administrative Assistant  
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